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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

The Hon. Kevin Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

We are writing to express our ardent support for the consolidated transfer applications of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. ("XM") and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. ("Sirius").

As you know, consumers have a plethora of choices for their music and audio entertainment needs – the Apple I-Pod, their personal music collections, HD Radio, internet music services like Rhapsody and Yahoo music, music and audio content through their cable or satellite TV subscriptions, content streaming through cellular phone technology, and terrestrial and satellite radio.

Over the last ten years, we have witnessed an overwhelming consolidation of the radio industry, which, we believe, has led to decreased diversity in programming. Satellite radio has already created the model for incorporating new artists, old favorites, and the current top forty in the same play list. Synergies created by the merger of Sirius and XM will create new opportunities for this type of diverse programming that has been overlooked by terrestrial-radio broadcasters. This merger will allow the companies to offer more diverse content by consolidating programming and better utilizing capacity to offer even more unique and diverse programming to currently underserved populations.

We firmly believe that allowing these satellite-radio companies to merge in order to be able to better meet the content needs of this market on a national basis, with exceptional digital sound quality and no commercials, at relatively low costs to the consumer, is in the public interest.

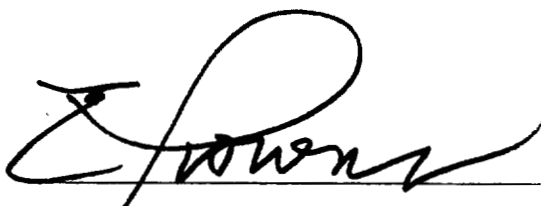
Satellite radio is a relatively new service, the cost of which to provide the service is expensive, due to satellite launches, maintenance and service. Currently, the satellite-radio service is only 4% of the radio market, with 96% of the market being commanded by terrestrial-radio broadcasters. If these satellite-radio companies are allowed to merge, it will allow the companies to achieve better economies of scale and scope, while enabling this new industry alternative to terrestrial-radio broadcasting, to provide innovative and diverse content, jobs and business partnering opportunities.

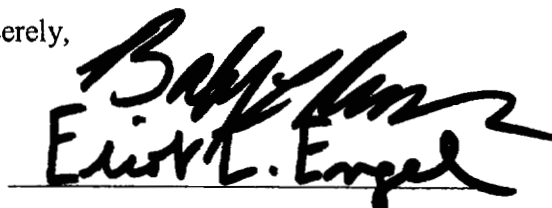
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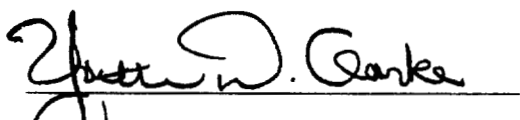
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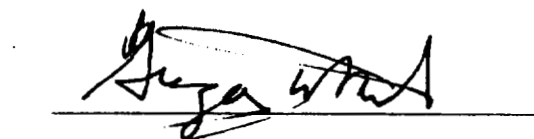
For these reasons, we urge you to support the merger.

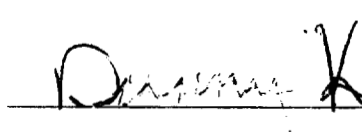
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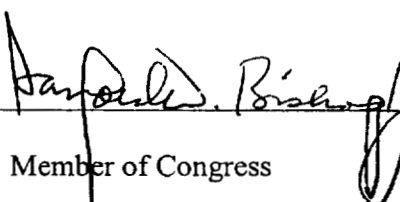

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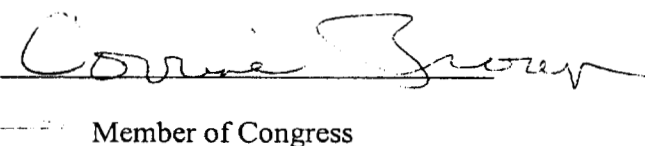

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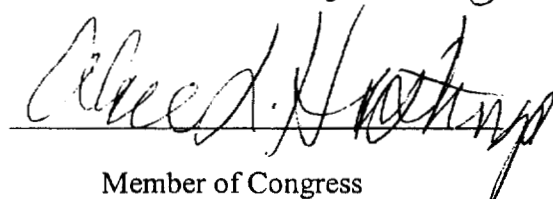

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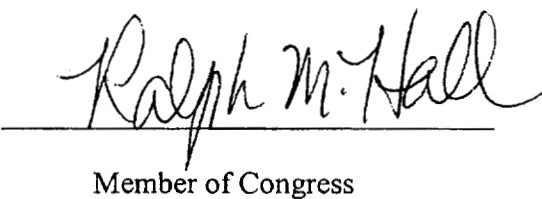

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